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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application
Bernard Paul Joseph THIERS

Examiner: Kevin McDermott

Group Art Unit: 3635

Serial Number: 09/805,234

Attorney Docket: THIE3001/JEK

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Official Action dated October 30, 2002 finally rejecting claims 8, 9, 17, 18 and 22. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested in view of the amendments and comments submitted herewith.

This response is timely filed in view of a petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response submitted herewith, including the requisite fee.

AMENDMENT

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The following amendment is proposed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the amendments that follow, any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer, and applicant reserves all rights to the original disclosed and claimed subject matter contained in this application.

The amendments to the claims are presented in the form of a LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS listing the current status of all claims in the application and showing all amendments made to the claims currently in the application.

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Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below:

Fee Basis	Number of Claims After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Small Entity	Full Fee
Total Claims	27	22 ¹	= 5 ³	× \$ 9 =	× \$ 18 = \$90.00
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04/11/2003 Also enclosed is/are: Petition for Extension of Time; Information Disclosure Statement
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